
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6768

State of Washington 60th Legislature 2008 Regular Session

By Senate Consumer Protection & Housing (originally sponsored by Senator Weinstein)

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1 AN ACT Relating to used vehicle purchases; creating new sections;
2 and providing an expiration date.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that some Washington
5 consumers have entered into used vehicle transactions that were not in
6 their best interest. The legislature further finds that some used
7 vehicle dealers provide consumers with inadequate disclosures regarding
8 items purchased and financing terms. The legislature recognizes the
9 impact that deceptive practices by used vehicle dealers have on working
10 families' finances and transportation. Because of the importance of
11 this issue, the legislature determines that the consumer protections
12 available to used vehicle buyers should be thoroughly reviewed to
13 ensure that the law fully protects used vehicle buyers from unfair and
14 deceptive practices by used vehicle dealers.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) A legislative task force on consumer
16 protections for used vehicle sales is established with nine members as
17 provided in this subsection.

1 (a) The majority leader of the senate shall appoint one member from
2 each of the two largest caucuses of the senate.

3 (b) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one
4 member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of
5 representatives.

6 (c) The majority leader of the senate and the speaker of the house
7 of representatives jointly shall appoint five nonlegislative members of
8 the task force, which shall include one consumer advocate, two used
9 vehicle dealers, an attorney with expertise in consumer protection law,
10 and a representative from the consumer protection division of the
11 attorney general's office.

12 (2) The task force shall:

13 (a) Convene as soon as possible upon the appointment of its
14 members;

15 (b) Elect a chair and adopt rules for conducting the business of
16 the task force;

17 (c) Thoroughly study consumer protections applicable to used
18 vehicle buyers and the prevalence of consumer protection violations by
19 used vehicle dealers. The materials studied must include, but are not
20 limited to, the following:

21 (i) The provisions governing used vehicle transactions in Titles 19
22 and 46 RCW;

23 (ii) State and federal laws and regulations governing the
24 disclosure of financing terms and retail installment terms;

25 (iii) Other states' laws and regulations governing used vehicle
26 transactions and the disclosure of financing terms and retail
27 installment terms; and

28 (iv) Any study or reports that provide information on the
29 prevalence of consumer protection violations by used vehicle dealers;

30 (d) Determine and document perceived and actual shortcomings of the
31 current consumer protections afforded to used vehicle buyers; and

32 (e) Draft proposed legislation if the task force determines that
33 additional consumer protections for used vehicle dealers are advisable.

34 (3) Staff support for the task force must be provided by senate
35 committee services and the house of representatives office of program
36 research.

37 (4) Legislative members of the task force must be reimbursed for
38 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120.

1 (5) The task force shall report its findings and any proposed
2 legislation to the legislature by September 10, 2008.

3 (6) The section expires December 31, 2008.

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